

Lesson 12

READ THIS STORY #2, Advanced

The Fiddle

Bill has had his eye on a fiddle in the window of Mr. White’s Music Shop for a long time. Bill likes to haggle. And Mr. White needs some cash.

Bill says, “You have a nice fiddle for sale. I’d like to get it for my little boy, but I don’t have quite enough money to pay what you’re asking for it.”

Mr. White thinks about this. He says, “It has a very pure tone. It’s an example of the finest workmanship available. How much would you be able to pay?”

Bill is on the spot. He decides to try for fifty bucks less than the asking price.

Mr. White says, “I can’t go that low, but I’ll let you have it for twenty-five bucks off.” Bill smiles and shakes Mr. White’s hand. Both of them are happy.